

Please, please, no more consolidation of the media. Our public airwaves should provide us with unbiased reporting and entertainment. Since the 1996 Telecommunication Act and relaxed FCC rules, our media has become homogenized due to the ownership by fewer and fewer entities. The coverage of the Iraq war was shamefully one-sided, a charade, an orchestrated massive media stunt brought to you by the Bush Administration and its corporate bedfellows. What happened to democracy and freedom of speech? We are now being spoon-fed propagandized material by all of our corporate media which is hauntingly similar to the likes of dictatorships elsewhere in the world. More consolidation will only curtail our First Amendment rights as citizens even further. Specifically, require more independently produced television programming (how about the 25% of prime-time which has been presented to the Commission), how about a real, honest-to-goodness license renewal process predicated on the public interest? Let's have additional analysis and time for public comment before new rules are implemented. Don't leave the public out of public airwaves. Our freedom of information has already been sorely compromised behind closed doors. Please do not remove any more limits on ownership. Thank you for your time.